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DEPARTMENT STORE INVENTORY PRICE INDEXES— Dec. 2005

National basis, January 1941=100, unless otherwise noted

	Indexes			Percent change to Dec. 2005 from—	
	Dec. 2004	June 2005	Dec. 2005	Dec. 2004	June 2005
1. Piece Goods	495.2	504.8	467.2	-5.7	-7.4
2. Domestics and Draperies	527.4	519.1	506.3	-4.0	-2.5
3. Women's and Children's Shoes	650.7	650.4	659.5	1.4	1.4
4. Men's Shoes	841.5	878.2	862.7	2.5	-1.8
5. Infants' Wear	577.4	559.9	568.5	-1.5	1.5
6. Women's Underwear	517.2	541.4	547.0	5.8	1.0
7. Women's Hosiery	339.2	340.0	337.9	-0.4	-0.6
8. Women's and Girls' Accessories	565.6	588.9	558.5	-1.3	-5.2
9. Women's Outerwear and Girls' Wear	352.5	347.5	350.8	-0.5	0.9
10. Men's Clothing	535.8	536.9	527.4	-1.6	-1.8
11. Men's Furnishings	569.9	562.8	560.6	-1.6	-0.4
12. Boys' Clothing and Furnishings	414.2	413.6	394.0	-4.9	-4.7
13. Jewelry	866.2	872.3	842.7	-2.7	-3.4
14. Notions	792.2	810.4	801.0	1.1	-1.2
15. Toilet Articles and Drugs	992.1	997.0	1000.7	0.9	0.4
16. Furniture and Bedding	602.0	598.7	602.9	0.1	0.7
17. Floor Coverings	592.5	604.6	614.5	3.7	1.6
18. Housewares	708.0	711.9	697.7	-1.5	-2.0
19. Major Appliances	199.9	204.3	205.0	2.6	0.3
20. Radio and Television	40.3	39.0	37.7	-6.5	-3.3
21. Recreation and Education ¹	78.3	78.5	77.4	-1.1	-1.4
22. Home Improvements ¹	131.7	137.8	136.7	3.8	-0.8
23. Automotive Accessories ¹	112.9	114.6	117.0	3.6	2.1
1-15. Soft Goods	552.5	552.0	548.0	-0.8	-0.7
16-20. Durable Goods	378.5	379.8	375.7	-0.7	-1.1
21-23. Miscellaneous Goods ¹	92.2	93.4	93.0	0.9	-0.4
Store Total ²	490.1	490.8	487.2	-0.6	-0.7

¹ Indexes on a January 1986=100 base.

² The Store Total index covers all departments, with the following exceptions: candy, food, liquor, tobacco, as well as contract departments.

NOTE: Indexes for previous periods and a brief description of the methods used in calculating the indexes may be obtained by contacting the Bureau of Labor Statistics at (202) 691-6968. The application of these indexes in the preparation of tax returns is solely within the jurisdiction of the Internal Revenue Service. Treasury Decision No. 5605 accords the use of the elective inventory method by taxpayers employing the retail inventory method.

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